

Save the
Dates!



Family Fun Night At Barnard Park
August 19, 2011
Activities • 6:15 - 8:15 pm
Zuper Movie "Rio" • 8:30 pm
Barnard Park • 410 Maiden Lane
(see page 5 for more info.)

First Ever Taste of the Town!
Discover Greece's culinary bounty
at this fun for the whole family event.
August 28, 2011 • 3 – 7pm
Greece Town Hall
(see page 11 for more info.)

Summer Concert Series
GPAS Jazz Band, featuring
Patriotic themed music.
September 11, 2011 • 2:30 pm
Greece Town Hall

Greece Reports

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A Message From *Supervisor Auberger*



Dear Friend:

As Supervisor of the Town of Greece, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the newest edition of the *Greece Reports Newsletter*. I hope

you find this edition of the newsletter to be helpful and informative.

As we continue through the summer months, I encourage all of you to take advantage of our parks and open spaces here in the Town. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to pick up your copy of the Wegmans Passport to Family Wellness featuring the Greece trails and canoeing routes.

This adventurous brochure gives you in-depth information and maps of the 12 trails and five canoe routes in our community. You can pick up your copy of the Passport to Family Wellness at the Greece Town Hall, 1 Vince Tofany Boulevard, the Greece Community & Senior Center, 3 Vince Tofany Boulevard, or any of the three

Wegmans stores in the Town of Greece - 1701 Mount Read Boulevard, 3177 Latta Road, or 2833 Ridge Road West.

I would also like to invite you to experience all of the great programs offered at the Greece Community & Senior Center (CSC) and the Greece Public Library. You can find a monthly schedule of programs and events at the CSC website, www.greecenyny.gov/csc and the Greece Public Library website, www.greecelibrary.org.

Please feel free to contact me at 225-2000 or visit us at the Town of Greece website at www.greecenyny.gov with any questions you may have.

Once again, I hope you will take advantage of all that the Greece community has to offer for all ages. I hope you have a great remainder to your summer.

Sincerely,

John T. Auberger
Supervisor

A Note From Our Chief

The men and women of the Greece Police Department who serve and protect you on a daily basis are proud of their accomplishments. We are professional law enforcement Officers who by training and experience strive to do our job second to none. Our mission revolves around the preservation of law and order, the prevention and detection of crime, and the apprehension of offenders.

One example of our relentless pursuit of crime is our cooperation with other agencies. Utilizing the resources of the Monroe Crime Analysis Center (MCAC), the Greece Police Department is joining together our problem solving philosophy with intelligence-led policing principles.

On a daily basis, our Crime Coordinator develops real time information provided by our patrol officers and analyzes the information with crime coordinators at the MCAC. Mapping or intelligence bulletins are then provided by the MCAC to paint a picture of active locations and people. Then through directed patrols and proactive enforcement, our staff works hard to prevent crimes and identify criminals.

We are committed to providing the citizens of Greece with the best service possible.



GPD Creed

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough,
trained and proficient in my law enforcement tasks.
I am an expert and I am a professional.

Sincerely,

Chief Todd Baxter



FROM LARRY THE H2O HERO

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LAWN FERTILIZER

Storm water runoff is water from precipitation or from snowmelt that enters into the storm water system through the storm drains located in your street or yard. This storm water collects waste and pollutants such as fertilizers. Storm water runoff from yards in which fertilizers have been misapplied, by such practices as using too much or spreading onto sidewalks or driveways, will flow into storm drains that lead to neighborhood storm water ponds and local creeks.

The nutrients in the fertilizer will pollute this storm water and will often contribute to unsightly algae blooms in local neighborhood storm water ponds, frequently resulting in obnoxious odors when this algae dies off and decays. Eventually, this nutrient polluted water will make its way to Lake Ontario and contribute to the algae problems found at Ontario Beach.

You can take action to reduce these impacts and help protect water quality by ensuring that **ONLY ZERO PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZERS** are applied to your lawn, as well as sweeping up

fertilizer that ends up on impervious surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways.

Most soils in Monroe County already have sufficient phosphorus to support a healthy lawn. Applying fertilizers only once a year in the fall, the most important time of the year to fertilize, will also greatly reduce the amount of nutrients reaching our local waterways.

Recognizing the serious impacts of fertilizers on water quality, New York State has recently passed a law which prohibits phosphorus in fertilizers for established lawns starting in 2012. This law also requires that fertilizer put on impervious surfaces be picked up. So get a jump start on these future legal requirements and start protecting our local waterbodies today!

For more information about local stormwater pollution and what you can do to reduce it, visit www.H2OHero.org and become a fan of Larry the H2O Hero on Facebook!

A message from The Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County and the Water Education Collaborative.

Saving the Town's Architectural History One Brick at a Time

By Gina M. DiBella

Did you know that Greece has a municipal commission responsible for protecting its historic properties?

The Greece Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was formed in 1998 after the Town Board adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance the previous year. The ordinance charges the Commission with the responsibility of designating landmarks and educating the community on the importance of historic preservation in the town.

To become a Greece town landmark, property owners must first agree to the designation. Once a property is designated, it is protected by law from demolition or inappropriate alterations. Any exterior changes that are made to the property must be approved by the HPC. The town currently has two landmarks: the Covert-Brodie-Pollock House, a cobblestone house on North Greece Road; and the Rigney-Feeney House on Latta Road.

But landmark designation isn't the only way the Commission has helped to protect historic properties in town. In the mid-2000s, it worked with the developer of Fleming Point and the New York State Historic Preservation Office to save the historic Yates-Thayer house and barn on Latta Road.

More recently, the Commission has spoken at Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings on behalf of the former St. John the Evangelist Church on West Ridge Road; a cobblestone house in the center of a commercial development also on West Ridge; and the Fleming House in the center of a new housing development project on Latta Road. It also reaches out to educate the community with presentations and displays on historic preservation.

Over the past 12 years a great resource for the Commission has been the Architectural and Historical Survey of 101 Sites in the Town of Greece. Completed by the Landmark Society of Western New York in 1995, this survey contains a wealth of information about some of the most important historic properties in town. Last summer the survey was made available on the Town's website (<http://greecenyc.gov/ghpc/main>). When funds



Covert-Brodie-Pollock House – The Covert-Brodie-Pollock house, located on North Greece Road, is the first Town of Greece designated landmark.



Former Yates-Thayer House – Formerly known as the Yates-Thayer House and the Elm Tree Farm, this property is located on Latta Road. The Historical Preservation Commission was instrumental in the saving the house from demolition.

become available, the Commission hopes to update this survey and add more historic properties to the list.

In addition to continuing to be a watchdog for historic properties, this year the Commission is working to establish a preservation award in memory of one of its former members, Gloria Latragna, who passed away last summer. Gloria served on the Commission for more than 10 years and was a charter member of the Greece Historical Society. She lived in the Carpenter-Toal-Latragna House, a Greek Revival-style residence on Latta Road for more than 25 years.

The History of the Erie Canal Comes to Life With the Junction Lock Trail

The Erie Canal has a long and rich history in the Town of Greece, with approximately three miles of this historic waterway running through the southern portion of town. Over the years the Canal has seen many changes, one of its more notable changes came when the lock-system was established to connect the original Erie Canal to the widened Barge Canal.

While the Junction Lock was used for only a brief period of time, its design and engineering accomplishments are characteristic of the time it was built. Operational from 1918 through the early 1920s, Junction Lock was used to connect the original Erie Canal to the newer and wider Barge Canal in the Town of Greece. The locks were no longer needed upon completion of the Barge Canal in the early 1920s, and as a result, the site became inactive and was allowed to revert back to its natural state.

Looking for a way to allow residents to learn and enjoy the history of the Erie Canal in our community, the Town of Greece has constructed a multi-use trail at the site of the historic canal locks. Located on Ridgeway Avenue, just west of Long Pond Road, this trail runs along the old Erie Canal bed and will take you to the site where the locks once stood.

As you walk or bike along the 1,300 foot trail, be sure to stop to read the signs detailing the history of the Erie Canal and Junction Lock in the Town of Greece. Whether you are an avid hiker or bird watcher, or just beginning to explore the outdoors, the Junction Lock Trail offers something for everyone. So stop by and check it out today and enjoy some of the free outdoor amenities offered in the Town of Greece!

Town of Greece Purchases 9+ Acres of Open Space

The Greece Town Board recently approved the acquisition of 9.34 acres of open space land located at 57 North Greece Road, just north of Frisbee Hill Road. The purchase of this property is part of the Town's ongoing efforts to protect undeveloped parcels of land through public acquisitions and donations.



The Town of Greece Open Space Committee has identified this parcel as an area containing significant natural habitats and environmental features. With this acquisition, the Town of Greece now owns 114 acres of open space land between Manitou Road and the Braddock Bay Fish and Wildlife Management Area (see the map).

The parcel was purchased for \$130,000; funding for the land will come from the Town's Recreation Trust Fund and a \$38,281 grant from Monroe County's Green Space Initiative Program. As with all of our other open space

purchases, tax revenues are not used to fund these acquisitions.

By purchasing this land the Town can ensure that it will go undeveloped, allowing it to retain its natural and scenic resources, preserve its upland habitat for area wildlife and buffer sensitive ecosystems from nearby residential developments.

This open space, along with the other nearby open space areas that the Town of Greece already owns, can be used for passive recreational activities such as hiking and bird watching. The Town's Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance and supervision of all Town-owned open space land.

Since the inception of the Town of Greece's open space acquisition program, we have added over 400 acres to our inventory of open space; all of this land is available for public use. For a list of other Town of Greece open space locations, visit www.greecenyny.gov/openspace.

SAVE THE DATE



CSC

Friendship ☀ Family ☀ Fun
for Everyone



"Family Fun Night at Barnard Park"

Friday, August 19, 2011

Barnard Park, 410 Maiden Lane

6:15-8:15pm

Activities

Inflatables

Bounce House



Slide



Obstacle
Course



8:30pm

Zuper Movie

"Rio"



Rated PG



Inflatables and Food Courtesy of Wegmans

Hot Dogs, Chips & Beverages Available

No Fee - Greece Residents Only

For more information call 723-2425 or visit www.greecenyny.gov



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Bob Bilsky



3rd Ward Councilman
Andrew Conlon



4th Ward Councilman
Kirk Morris

Greece Police Department Opens New Police Precinct

This spring I joined my Town Board colleagues and members of the Greece Police Department in cutting the ribbon on the new Police Precinct located at 500 Maiden Lane.

Formerly the Town's Human Services building, the facility needed to be modernized and repurposed in order to be used as a Police Precinct. Funding for the improvements came from the Energy Efficiency Block Grant and Town funds.

Built in 1991, extensive renovations were needed to the interior and exterior of the building so that it could fully serve the Greece Police Department. These renovations included:

- Replacing the siding and roofing, adding energy efficient insulation to both
- Replacing the old windows with new energy efficient windows
- New carpeting throughout the building
- Adding new energy efficient heating and air conditioning units
- Motion censored lighting to reduce energy usage.

As a result of the energy efficiency improvements, the new Police Precinct will be able to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the same energy costs as it was operated 5 days a week when it served as the Human Services building.

By moving to a Town-owned facility, thereby eliminating the lease from the Fetzner Road location, the Town will save nearly \$22,000 a year. In addition to cost-saving measures, 500 Maiden Lane is a larger facility than the Fetzner Road location. This will allow us to provide better service to our residents and better accommodations to the Police Officers that work out of that Precinct.

This is an exciting move for the Greece Police Department and the entire Greece community. If you haven't checked out the new Precinct, stop by 500 Maiden Lane and see what we've done with the place!



SUMMER FUN AT THE COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER!



Crafts during the Trail Mix program.



Learning traffic safety rules at Safety Town.



Fun crafts during the Safety Town program!



Rock climbing at Rock Ventures during the Trail Mix program.

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Fishing fun during the Trail Mix program.



Let the games begin at Safety Town!

Over 200 parents and children attended the screening of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules," the first Zuper Movie event at the CSC on Friday, July 15.



Horseback riding during the Trail Mix program.

Thank You From Wayne and Pat Lewis

The Lewis family has moved down the road but our hearts are still in Greece. Our land on Everclay Drive has been sold and a new house will be constructed for a new family. Yes I did move tons of rocks and our wood supply for winter.

Wayne and I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and community support.

Although this was a tragedy for our family, many good things have happened. I am doing well and walking the lovely track at the Greece Community & Senior Center. Both Wayne and I have made many new friends and reconnected with many old friends along this ride.

After the hospital shaved part of my pink hair extensions, for breast cancer awareness, the staff and patrons of the library all put pink in their hair to earn donations for our family.

When I was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004, my beloved coworker, Roseanne Skelly, gave me a small medal with an angel and the word "Strength" inscribed on the back. She passed away several years ago but that angel rode with me everywhere. My purse was destroyed in the fire.



Wayne and Pat Lewis' Newfoundland, Popeye the Sailor.

Wayne and I were waiting for a doctor's appointment, when he pulled the medal out of his pocket and asked, "Do you know what this is?" Wayne's find was Roseanne's angel reminding me that she is still riding with me no matter what happens.

Thank you to all the angels who have helped us. Thank you again, again, and again for your kind words, your smiles and the wonderful hugs.

Best,
Wayne and Pat Lewis

NOOK™ eReader Now Available at the Greece Public Library

Continuing its tradition of forward-thinking, the Greece Public Library is pleased to announce that the NOOK eReader is now available for library patrons. Sold exclusively by Barnes & Noble, the NOOK is compatible with the library's OVERDRIVE collection of eBooks and may be borrowed by Greece residents for up to three weeks.

Recent trends have shown a dramatic increase in popularity of eBooks and eReaders, with 19 out of 50 USAToday bestsellers have higher eBook sales than print sales. By

borrowing a NOOK from the Greece Public Library, patrons can try the eReader format before making the decision to buy one. Each NOOK comes pre-loaded with current titles that are sure to appeal to a wide audience.

In addition to the availability of the NOOK, the Greece Public Library has access to over 1,500 eBooks through the Monroe County Library System's catalog. Borrowing an eBook is simple and can be done right from your home computer by visiting the Greece Public Library's website at www.greecelibrary.org and clicking

"downloadable media." Like the NOOK, each eBook may be borrowed for three weeks at a time. eBooks simply disappear from the eReader at the end of the three weeks, saving the borrower the worry of having to return it or being overdue.

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Frequently Asked Questions: The Emerald Ash Borer

What is the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)?

The EAB is an Asian beetle that kills ash species including white, green, black and blue ash trees. It originated in eastern Russia, northern China, Japan and Korea, and was first discovered in North America in 2002 in southeastern Michigan and Windsor, Ontario.

What does the Emerald Ash Borer look like?

EAB adults are dark metallic green with a purple or red abdomen under the wings. They are approximately 1/2 inch long and 1/8 inch wide.

Larvae are hard to see because they are only found in the bark. They are creamy white in color; their expanding S-shaped tunnels may only be seen if the bark is removed.

How does the EAB spread?

Most movement of the EAB has been traced back to the movement of ash firewood or ash nursery stock. Movement of other ash wood, wood chips greater than one inch, and ash products such as logs, lumber, and pallets generally present lesser risks.

New York State currently has a restriction in place on the movement of firewood to protect our forests from invasive pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer.

Has the Emerald Ash Borer been found in the Town of Greece?

While the EAB has not yet been found in any trees in the Town of Greece, we are located in the quarantine expansion area. By limiting the movement of firewood to a 50 mile radius of where it was originally cut, you can help us prevent the spread of the EAB to our community.



The Emerald Ash Borer Beetle and an example of a tree that has been infected with the Emerald Ash Borer.

What is being done in the Town of Greece?

The Town of Greece Department of Public Works has conducted an ash tree survey of Town-owned trees in Town Right of Ways and at Town Parks within the day-use areas (excluding trails and open space land). If a tree on Town Property becomes infected, we will remove the tree.

Will the Town of Greece treat or replace the ash tree on my property?

The Town of Greece is prohibited from entering private property to remove or repair trees of any kind. Please consult with a local tree

service company or arborist with any questions and concerns you might have regarding trees on your property.

For a list of registered tree service companies in the Town of Greece visit the Town Clerk's page of our website, www.greecenyny.gov/clerk and click on the "Registered Tree Service" option on the left-hand side of the page.

What can I do to protect my ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer?

There are various systemic insecticides on the market today, but they can be expensive and their effectiveness varies. The decision to treat your ash tree(s) is based on your personal preference. Be sure to educate yourself on the various insecticides and use caution when purchasing a product that claims to protect trees against the Emerald Ash Borer.

For more information on the types of insecticides that are available, visit www.emeraldashborer.info/treatment.cfm.

What can I do to help?

Understanding the specific threat to your trees, quarantines and regulations, and your options is the first thing you should do. Not doing so could cause unnecessary loss of your valuable shade trees.

The most important thing you can do is restrict the movement of your firewood. Cut or purchase your firewood from approximately the same location where you plan to use it. Lastly, do not take any leftover firewood home with you if you are camping or vacationing outdoors.

For more information on the Emerald Ash Borer, visit our website at www.greecenyny.gov/eab.

Helpful Tips from the Town of Greece

Home Improvement Projects

This is the time of the year that you may be considering a project or improvement to your home including installing a pool, shed or deck. Before starting your project, we recommend that you contact the Town of Greece Building Department at 723-2443 to determine if any permits or approvals are required.

You may also obtain additional information regarding permits at the Town of Greece website at www.greecenyny.gov/buildpermit. You may find the answers to your questions under the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) tab on the Building Departments website. Residential permit applications are also available at this site at www.greecenyny.gov/buildpermit/applications.

Property Maintenance

The Town of Greece provides our residents with monthly leaf and brush

collection. Information about our Yard Waste and Recycling Program can be found on our website at www.greecenyny.gov/publicworks/brush-leaf or at Town Hall.

Grass clippings and household wastes require service by a licensed refuse company. All homeowners are required to cut, trim or remove brush, grass, rubbish and weeds on their property.

Keeping and maintaining the required number of trash and recycling receptacles is required. It is also mandatory that you do not place your trash and recycling receptacles out for collection prior to 12:00 Noon on the day before your scheduled pickup day.

Drainage Around Your Home

Do any of the following conditions exist around your home?

- Wet or damp basement or crawl space

- Puddles or pools in your yard for a long period of time after rainfall
- Soil erosion or slides
- Poorly growing trees, shrubs or other vegetation

If so, your property may have a drainage problem. The most common cause of drainage problems is insufficient maintenance of a home's drainage system. Leaves and other vegetation can collect in gutters, downspouts and on top of storm drainage inlets, causing such drainage problems. Removal of materials and establishing and maintaining the proper pitch and grading can provide drainage relief to your property. If your home is in the floodplain of a nearby creek or stream, flooding may occur in the drainage way or low areas.

For more information, visit www.greecenyny.gov/buildpermit or contact the Town of Greece Building Department at 723-2443.

Lakeview Garden Club Celebrates 50 Year Anniversary!

The Lakeview Garden Club is a federated garden club that was established in January, 1960 by 17 women with an enthusiasm for gardening. There are currently 22 active members in the club, with six new members joining in spring 2011.

The Lakeview Garden Club was the first garden club in the Town of Greece to join the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. In addition to the support the club receives from the Federate Garden Clubs of New York State, it also receives support from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Central Atlantic Region. The rest of the garden club's funding comes from its annual membership dues and the perennial plant sale that is held each May. The club is also a member of the Greece Historical Society and the Rochester Civic Garden Center.

Every year, the Lakeview Garden Club plants and maintains a garden on the east side of the Greece Historical Society. They also plant and maintain a garden on the west berm of the Ronald McDonald House and volunteer at the Greece Historical Society Strawberry Festival every June.

The Lakeview Garden Club donates to Penny Pines, Water for Sudan, World Garden Project, Greece

Ecumenical Food Shelf, and Lakeview Community Church. It has also collected donations for the Blue Star Memorial at Charlotte Beach.

The three main objectives of the Lakeview Garden Club:

1. To promote better understanding of the challenges of gardening.
2. To maintain a high interest in gardening activities.
3. To cooperate with other garden clubs in community garden projects.

For more information on the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS visit www.fgcny.com; for more information on the National Garden Clubs, Inc visit www.gardenclub.org; and for more information on the Central Atlantic Region visit www.ngccar.org.



DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!



**SUNDAY
AUGUST
28TH**

**3-7PM
GREECE TOWN
HALL CAMPUS**

Participating Vendors (as of 8/1/11):

- BBQ Fred
- EJ's at the Marriott
- Juan & Maria's Empanada Stop
- Lamplighter Restaurant
- The Olive Garden
- Oriens Café
- Pizzeria 5
- Pino's Deli
- Red Fedele's Brook House Restaurant
- Soho Bagel Café
- Slayton Place
- Tasteful Connections
- TC Hooligans Bar & Grill
- The Retreat
- Tops Friendly Markets
- Unity Hospital Food Services
- Wegmans Food Markets
- Xtreme Popcorn

\$20 per Tasting Menu *(before 8/26)*

\$30 per Tasting Menu *(day of Event)*

A tasting menu will give you one taste at every booth, a souvenir glass and may be shared among multiple people.

Featuring Live Entertainment (4:30—7pm) by:

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585-225-2000

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GREECE HAPPENINGS



Senator Joe Robach and 3rd Ward Councilman Andy Conlon stay cool with Joel and Lauren during the Summer Programs at the Greece Community & Senior Center.

Town of Greece Chief of Staff Jeff McCann and Senator Joe Robach welcome Greece seniors to the annual Summer Picnic for Seniors on July 21.

